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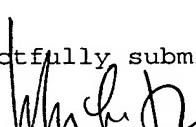
REPLY TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

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Sir:

In reply to the Notice mailed April 16, 2002, a Declaration signed by the inventor(s) and identifying the application by International application number and filing date is submitted herewith, together with a copy of the Notice. A check in the amount of \$130 for the fee under 37 CFR 1.492(e) is also enclosed.

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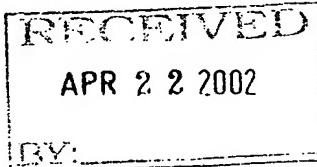
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- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Copy of the International Application.
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5).

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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